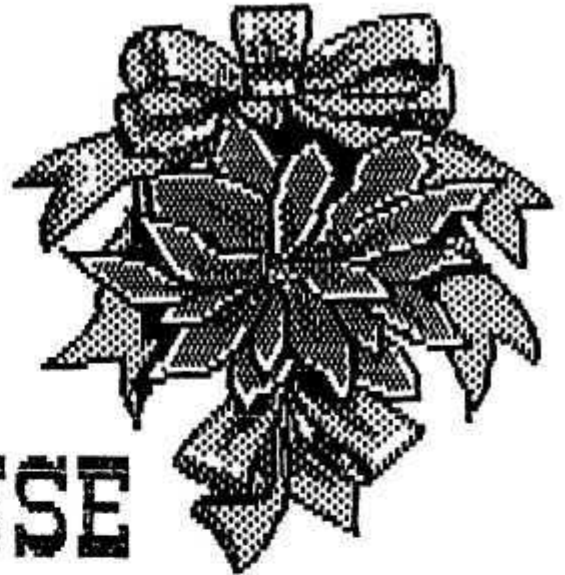


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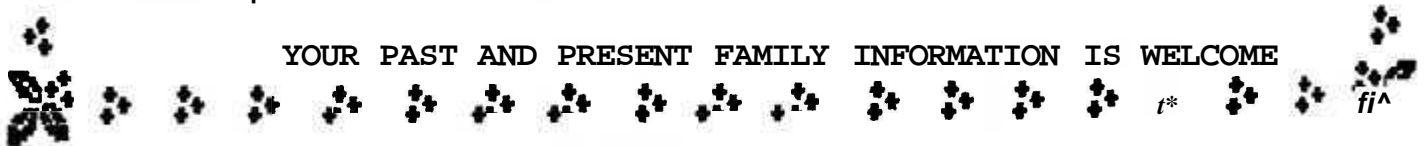
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YOUR PAST AND PRESENT FAMILY INFORMATION IS WELCOME



Cousin of the Month

DARALEEN WADE

Frances B. Parkinson says "My query in your last issue regarding my gr gr grandmother, Martha B. Coffey, brought much appreciated results. A lovely lady in Salem, Oregon, Daraleen Wade generously sent me "the rest of the story" - at least, a goodly portion of it. I was so thrilled to hear from her that I called and enjoyed a delightful and informative visit via telephone. It has been my experience that in most cases genealogists are truly special people."

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Dear Cousins,

We want to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and hope that you have had a good year. I can hardly believe it's almost Christmas again. This year has passed so fast. I had all kinds of things that I planned to do that haven't gotten done yet. I guess I will have plenty of things to add to my New Years resolution list. We are planning to spend Christmas with our son, Joe and his family in Atlanta, GA. I am anticipating convention time in May though. It is always such a pleasure to see old and new friends.

Thanks again to those who have sent material for C.C.C. It is always appreciated. This paper only continues because of you. I am always amazed at the variety and quality of material that passes my desk. Sometimes it's hard to make everything fit as I would like. I appreciate your patience and understanding when I make a boo-boo. Thanks for another year.

Your Cousin
Bonnie Culley

WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

KENNETH HARRISON called my attention to my error in listing him as Kenneth "Coffey" in the last issue. He descends from Hugh Coffey Sr. (1750-1827), though Henry Coffey (1787-1876), to Rebecca Ellen Coffey (1828-1902) who married James J. Morgan. Rebecca is his great great grandmother. Kenneth has sent some very neat, documented work sheets to share with those who would like copies of his lineage.

MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

Dr. CAROL COFFEE of Houston TX descends from (1:) Gerald MacArthur Coffee son of (2:) Peyton Joshua Coffee (1900-1989) son of (3:) John Taylor Coffee (1870-1973) age 103. It continues the same as her brother's in last issue (CCC40). Her brother is Jerry Coffee and her sister is Patsy Coffee. They have their lineage through Peter Coffee who with his brother Joshua, both from Ireland, settled in Prince Edward Co. Virginia in the 1750's. Dr. Coffee says, quote, "Cobthach, or Cobthaldh Flon, translated from the Irish Gaelic as "the Fair-haired Victor," lived in County Cork around the beginning of the seventh century, A.D. Despite the heavy emphasis in the foregoing evolution of the name on its "Irish Connection", one should not be misled. Variations of the name, as well as clearly traceable family lineages, are found elsewhere in the British Isles, including Wales. In fact, a careful survey of Coffey/Coffee inhabitants of North America today would, I believe, reveal a significant evangelical (Protestant) or non-Catholic majority, a finding which, if true, would seem to belie their purely Irish origin."

BERTHA L. JEFFERS heard of us through Noreva Sharr. She is researching her husband's line. Bertha's husband and his ancestors are 1.) Joe Marvin Jeffers, 2.) Hillead "Mahala" (Ross) Jeffers, (1895-1954), 3.) Mary Eliza (Coffee) Ross, (1873-1933), 4.) William Harrison Coffee, (1843-1921), 5.) Meredith Coffee, (1822-1892), 6.) John Coffee, (1798-1870/76), 7.) Meredith Coffee, (1770-1838), 8.) John Coffee/y, (1733-), 9.) John Coffee/y, (1700-1775), 10.) Edward Coffey. We want to thank Bertha for the documents she is sharing with us. They will be in the next issue.

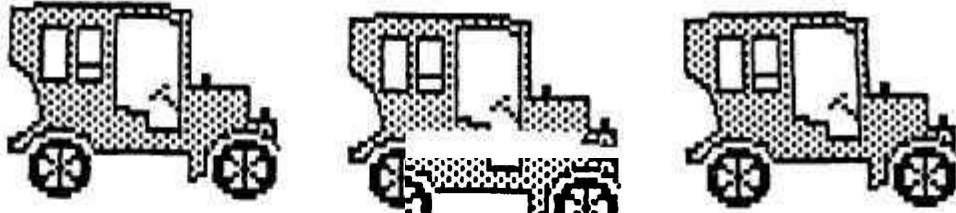
LARRY COFFEE of Noel MO writes that he descends from 1) Ihus Coffee, 2) Pierce Coffee, 3) Dave Coffee, 4) Meredith Coffee, and 5) John Coffee of Granger County, Tennessee. Can anyone help him with the rest of his line? It seems that Larry and Bertha Jeffers have a lot in common!

MICHELLE JONES is seeking information on Cleveland Coffey. She says that he was born in NC in 1810 according to the US census. He was living in TN by 1840 and was married Nov. 11, 1839 to Malinda Coffey (1813). Cleveland was the father of at least eight children. One was William W. Coffey who was killed in the Civil War. Michelle descends from William who was born ca. 1834 in NC. She wishes to correspond with someone who is researching this line.

CAROL VANDE VOORDE's connection with the Coffeys is through her mother's paternal grandmother. She was Martha Jane Coffey who married Francis Marlon Clark on Jan. 2, 1875 in Caldwell Co. NC. She was the daughter of Silas Coffey and his wife Eleanor Green (dau. of Able 8. Mary Green). Silas was the son of William C and Sarah Coffey. She thinks that William's father was Jesse Coffey. Carol is interested in obtaining more information or publications on the Coffeys.

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CONVENTION 1991

Don't forget Convention 1991. It would make a good Christmas gift for a Cousin to include him or her in your plans for May 1991. Be planning what you will bring along to share with the other cousins. We love show and tell. We always have a table for material to look at, brought by "US". Pictures are fun too. (Possibly a certain Cousin will wear his kilt and play the bag pipes for us.)

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P.S. It would be appreciated if you would advertise the Coffey Convention in your local papers, genealogy club news, historical society news or any other way that you can think of.

See you there!



DEAD END ROADS

We had a letter from RAMONA KLASSEN. She is doing research on her family and found that one of her distant relatives China Francis Culp was married to Jasper H. Coffey, Dec 11, 1862, in Missouri. She would appreciate any information on these two people and their children. Her address is 18050 Kelly Blvd. #1205, Dallas, TX 75287.

JOAN W. DE MASTERS wrote asking for information on DeMasters/DeMastus as "quite a few have married into the Coffee/y families. Her address is Rt. 1, Box 335A, Roseland, VA 22967.

CHARLES L. WILSON says that he was referred to us by Bennle Loftin. His wife Mary Ann Speldle Wilson is a direct descendant of Colby and Mary Ann (Adams) Coffey. She is the granddaughter of Lauanna Alcorn Speldle, great-granddaughter of William Cash Alcorn and the great-great-granddaughter of Albert and Matilda (Coffee) Alcorn. They wish to contact someone who is also doing genealogy on this line. Their address is P. O. Box 478, Pond Creek, Ok 73766.

LEOLA B. GOURLEY has mailed us a most interesting genealogy.

THE COFFEY FAMILY TREE

by Tom Coffey 1949

updated by Milan & Diane Johnson - 1971

It is about a James Thomas Coffey born Mar. 15, 1840 in parish Caltre, Galway Co., near Dublin Ireland. We thank Leola for the copy and hope it can help someone. Your generosity is appreciated.

Leola needs some help with her genealogy. Matilda Coffey, born Franklin Co., Indiana on June 25, 1820 and died June 12, 1870, in Calif. She married 1842 in St. Louis, MO to James Henry Fausett. Leola has been very successful with the Fausett line but has been unable to connect the Coffey line. Your help would be appreciated and her address is 26 Bloom Lane, P.O. Box 983, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

We received a letter from MARGARET WOUGH, 31 Corporation Rd., Audenshaw, Tameside, Greater Manchester, England M34 5LY. She writes: "A 1987 Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse Newsletter was passed on to me, and I wondered if it was possible that you or your readers could help me! My Greatgrandfather was JOHN COFFEY, married to MARY NOLAN in 1887. They lived at 19 Michellinburgh St., North Dublin, Ireland where my Grandfather Timothy Coffey was born. For some reason, my grandfather had little to do with his family after his marriage to Margaret McGinnis in 1908. My genealogical research into my Coffey side of the family has been very difficult but I am told John Coffey and Mary Nolan had five children, John, Timothy, Margaret, Elizabeth and possibly a Mary. John Coffey Jr. is supposed to have emigrated to America in the early 1900's and never heard from again. I wonder if any of the above information may help find any living relatives of my John Coffey Jr. still living in America?" If you have any suggestions how we can help her, please let me know. Thanks B.C.

JACK K. COFFEE is researching his grandfather. Albert Lillburn Coffee (b. TX 1873 - d. LA 1966). Most family history and his death certificate indicated that his father's name was John. Census records and the research by a couple of other Cousins determined that there were several John Coffees that could (often with some stretch of the imagination) have been Albert's father. Quoted from Jack's letter: "Early in my research on Albert, I determined that his mother was named Mary BOWMAN and that she had remarried sometime around 1880. Her 2nd husband's name was William WATSON by whom she had two daughters, Lilly and Mary." Mary Bowman was the daughter of Jesse B. Bowman, a defender at the Alamo in 1836. Jack continues, "From a Texas cousin I received a copy of two 1871 letters that Mary had written to her brothers from Hempstead Co. AR. In closing she signed her name, M. E. Coffee, J. M. Coffee and S. E. Coffee. I immediately suspected that I had been searching for a non-existent John Coffee when I should have been searching for J. M. (James M.?) Coffee. Actually, I had considered James M. as father to Albert a year or so ago but discounted that when I found him married to another Mary in the 1880 Census of Kaufman Co., TX. I just couldn't believe that he would leave his family (by this time they were living in Bowie Co. TX) and immediately remarry, have kids and never contact his first family again. Perhaps the daughter of a hero of the Texas Revolution (Joseph Bowman) and grand-daughter of an Alamo hero had married beneath herself? After Albert's mother died about 1883 he and his sister, S. Ellen (Susan?), apparently returned to Hempstead Co. AR where they both lived until reaching adulthood. Family tradition indicates that they both lived with a "mean aunt" until they were grown.

Interestingly enough, when Mary Bowman Coffee Watson was living with her new husband in Bowie Co. they were neighbors of Finis Ames and his wife Mary. Finis' wife was a daughter of Lillburn Coffee and, of course a sister to James M. Could this have been the "mean aunt" that they lived with? I think so.

S. Ellen and Albert eventually lost track of each other and it is generally believed by the family that they only saw each other once or twice after they each married and went their separate ways. I did find Ellen in the Hempstead Co. 1990 census and she was married to J. H. Sutton." She had a child named Lillian Sutton. Ellen later married a Basher and lived near Bakerfield, CA. Jack says that since confirming James M. as Albert's father, he hopes to fill in some of the gaps but what he is really interested in is finding a cousin near Kaufman Co, TX that can help research James M. Coffee, his wife Mary and their 3 children (in 1880), James, b.ca.1874; Lilly, b.ca.1877; and Lula, b.ca. 1880. Also, it would really make my year to find an Ellen Coffee/J.H. Sutton descendent.

BONNIE BELLAMY wants to know if anyone has information on the family of Joel Coffee who is in the 1860 census of DeKalb Co., AL, He was listed thus:

Coffee, Joel	age 53	Grocer	born SC
Elizabeth	49		SC
Wm. H.	17		GA
Andrew J.	14		GA
Mary E.	9		GA
Franklin P.	6		GA

There was also listed

Coffee, John W.	28	Farmer	GA
Martha	23		Tenn
William H. (W?)	4		GA
Mary E.			GA

Bonnie ask what he from and is there other children? She says that she now believes, is (in studying the newsletters) that her Joel Coffey of DeKalb Co., AL possibly was the eldest son of Cleveland and Martha Brown Coffee of Wilkes Co. NC If someone else is working this line she would appreciate help. She lives at Rt.1, Box 214, Tecumseh, OK 74873.



THE MAILBOX

I've subscribed to THE IRISH LINK, the Irish family history magazine of Australia and New Zealand, published by our cousin and friend Bill Coffey. You will probably get a good bit of his Irish poems and history in the future. Bill says that we can re-print anything that we have a use for, which we certainly appreciate. (Just as a little extra, my grandchildren are thrilled with the foreign stamps that I give them.)

Charles E. Morel and wrote that he is enjoying Frank Crosswhite's article on Edward Coffey, but wants to know if anyone has anything similar on Ann Powell. We would be glad to publish it if anyone knows of any articles written about her. He also asks about Hayes research. I suggest that the most active researcher on Hayes at this time is Kathryn Johnson of New Berne, NC

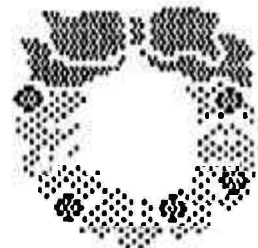
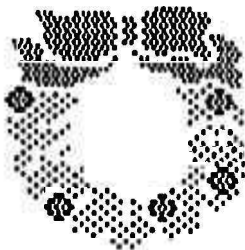
Kenneth **Harrison** ordered some back **issues** and said that he **would** send us more on **his line** later. He descends from Hugh Coffey Sr.. We **will** be looking forward to hearing from **him** as I'm sure his research **is** very **carefully** done.

We were so **relieved** to hear from Ruth and **Thurman Lanning**. It seems that on the way to the 1990 CCC convention, they had to turn back at Lyman. Wyoming because of a foot of snow **in** the Rocky Mountains. She **hopes** that they **will** make **it** to Boone for 1991 and so do we. Ruth has a word processor now and **is** learning to use **it**. We **will** expect to read some of those great Coffey stories she tells. See you **in** May.

Dlanne M. Gardner is **inviting** us to their Amherst Coffey Clan reunion. Last year **it** was held July 29, 1990. It **is** always **in** Coffeytown, VA., located Just off of Rt. 60, West of Buena **Vista** and Lexington, VA. It **is** started by a service **in** the **Macadonia** Methodist church which belongs to a Coffey **family** member. It was **built** In 1896 of hand-dressed local chestnut trees, and **it** is only used once a year for the family reunion. After the services they have a picnic at the cabin of Daniel Rufus Coffey. **This** year they were **invited** by Derrils(sp) Raper the new owner of Dlanne's Great-great-grandpa Charles Edward Coffey's old home, to come and tour the house. He has restored **it** to it's original being. Dlanne says that anybody **is** welcome to come to the reunion next year. For further Information contact Dlanne at (703) 281-0340 or 2964 Cashel Lane, Vienna, VA 22181. **We'll** look for Dlanne at Boone, NC **in** May.

Anna Cassell has generously sent several pages of documents which we **will** have to use next **issue** as we're out of room this **time**, but she wants to know what books have been **published** on the Coffey families. I'm not sure that I have **all** of them **myself** but **this is** what I do have and I would appreciate hearing about or having any that I am missing as **it** helps me to help others. **All** help appreciated.

- James B. Coffey. Vol.II: Ancestors. by Marvin D. Coffey
1018 Clay St.
Ashland, OR 97520
- Lizzie's Legacy & Our Coffey Cousins. by Bennle Loftln
P.O Box 160
Kiowa, OK 74553
- The Coffeys of Wayne County. by **Jacqueline** Coffey Sexton
no address at this time.
- Thomas Coffey & His Descendants. by Laurence H. **Coffey, 1931**
Out of print but often copied
- Hugh Coffey & His Descendents. by Gene Brewlnton
4728 NW 59 Terr
Oklahoma **City**, OK 73122
- The Coffey Clan from 1690. by Frank R. Moore
reprinted by Gene Brewlnton



CURRENTS TN THE STREAM

WILLARD DUNCAN writes that he has been working on his Coffey line again. He says that the following isn't documented but it is so thought provoking and there seems to be so much interest in the Peter Coffee line of late that I felt his letter had to be published.

"In my search for my Coffee connection, I've researched the Peter, Susannah line which Len (Coffey) and I believed we might both be from. There is much confusion over this line. I hold to the position that there was another Peter - Peter II and that Peter III who went to Georgia was not the son of Peter I. Peter II was probably the 2nd son and born ca. 1730-35. William being the 1st son. The taxables of 1755 Pittsylvania and Prince Edward counties make it quite clear that there was a Peter II 21 years or older. Now in 1798 in Kentucky on The Dix River, there is a grant to Peter Coffee. At this time Peter III is in Georgia. Later Martha Coffee appears in Kentucky in this area. Back in Prince Edward county among the early settlers of Fall Creek there was a Robert Martin. I have no proof of age. but if Peter II married a Martin daughter then this would prove my supposition.

In this same line Joshua son of Peter I in his will mentions only Gen. John - widow Elizabeth and daughter Polly Harris. Yet DAR gives William b.1768 and Thomas G. b.1769. Now, a Joseph emerges as a brother to Gen. John. I'd like to know more of this. I've tried to find Elijah, but can't connect him with a family in Campbell, Co. KY where I have a link with Franklin, Co. IN. Perhaps Hiram Coffee d. 1851 TX might be better!"

Doesn't this give some of you some new ideas of places to LOOK? If you have any pieces to add to this puzzle contact Willard Duncan or me, Bonnie Culley.

DOCUMENTS GALORE

Jerry Coffey has presented us with an interesting piece of history from the Civil War period concerning Doss Coffee.

A note of Coffee history in Texas: My (Jerry's) great-grandfather, Joshua "Doss" Coffee was a sergeant in the 14th Brigade of Texas Militia during The War Between the States. The book and subsequent motion picture "The Outlaw Josey Wales", starring Clint Eastwood was roughly based on the exploits of Doss in the north Texas area. The name "Josey Wales" used by Eastwood in the movie, could have been derived from Joshua and from his daughter-in-law (who was my grandmother), Nora Kate Whaley.

The 14th Brigade was stationed in the Fannin, Collin, Hunt and Grayson county area, also known as "The Four-Corners". These counties chose not to join the Confederacy and remained loyal to the Union. The brigade was ordered to round-up men who refused to enlist in the Confederate Army and place them in confinement. Unfortunately, these men were Doss's neighbors. Following the end of hostilities, the Northern Regulators ("Red-Legs") pursued Doss out of the area. He escaped capture and fled to Central Texas. He died in 1915 and is buried near Blanket, Texas.

Doss was not linked to "Bloody Bill" Anderson as the movie suggested. Anderson, also from Fanning county, was a Confederate guerrilla fighter along with his trusted lieutenant, Jesse James. Anderson and his band stopped a Union troop train near Bonham, Texas in Fanning county and executed the soldiers beside the tracks. That is how he received his name "Bloody Bill".

WAS EDWARD COFFEY A WILD GOOSE OR AN OLD-LINE VIRGINIAN?

by Frank S. Crosswhite

Part 2 - Continued from Part-1 in the September Issue of Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse, NO 40.

My 85 - year old father likes to tell a story concerning the mark of our ancestor Flelden Coffey (his great-grandfather) and how it related to a run-in with Pardee Butler along the Missouri River in the vicinity of the present Atchison, Kansas, where I was later born. The Atchison area was over-run by Missourians who were descendents of old-line Virginians. These Missourians, including my Flelden (who had been born in Kentucky), adhered to old mid-southern rules and customs, including occupying land by pre-emption which was technically not open to settlement. Flelden had placed his distinctive mark on a certain tree, intending to sometime cut it and make it into lumber. He was in no particular hurry to cut it, as everyone knew his mark and respected his claim on any trees so marked. Atchison had the first newspaper in the state, aptly named the Squatter Sovereign, one issue of which tells of the tarring and feathering of Pardee Butler, a northern free-seller who was tied to a raft in his feathered state and sent on an ethereal flight down the Missouri River. My Flelden's encounter with Mr. Butler came when someone came rushing to Flelden's house with the disconcerting news that Butler was cutting down a tree with Flelden's mark on it! My father's interpretation of Flelden's response, although more visually demonstrated than by words, leaves little doubt that Flelden's adrenaline surged. Although short of stature and of generally agreeable disposition, on this occasion, when his distinctive mark was ignored, he was as if challenged in battle, and this proved to be one of the few occasions which he settled with assistance of a gun. I am assured by my father that he did not kill anyone, but that is all that he would say.

Although we see the strange M-like mark on Edward Coffey, Sr.'s personal papers, it takes little imagination to see that this would have been the mark by which he signed chits and notes for the plantation Moseley's Quarter. Today certificates representing enormous wealth in corporate stock are still "signed" by means of a cryptic mark made by the pen of the transfer agent in some financial back room. At the time Edward Coffey signed the M-like mark to his will, he had a vested interest in the plantation "Moseley's Quarter" to say the least. To what extent his interest was so vested 16 years earlier, when he witnessed a document by signing the same M-like mark, is still a matter of conjecture. To make a different mark for his personal affairs than the mark he made for the plantation would have not only been confusing to all concerned but probably to himself as well. He obviously was known by his mark, which for historical reasons was associated with Moseley's Quarter, regardless of whether at any specific time he may have been overseer or owner.

Descendants of Joel Coffey and Martha Stapp have noted that the names "Woodson Coffey" or "Joel Woodson Coffey" appear in the lines of at least two of Joel's children, although no Woodson ancestor is readily apparent in published genealogies. If only one of Joel's



As copied by
Rev John H. Coffey

children had named a son Woodson, we might shrug it off, saying that the child must have been named for a highly respected neighbor or godfather of no blood relation. But even in parallel cases in other families, such neighbors or godparents, upon further research, often prove to be blood relations. Woodsons proliferated from Virginia through the South and West and were sometimes Coffey neighbors although no blood relationships have been previously suggested. Let us examine the family of Joel and Martha, as there is evidence that their children may be triple Coffeys in the sense of being descended from Edward Coffey, Sr. in three lines: 1) Edward Coffey, Jr., and a wife who may have been a daughter of a Chesley Martin, 2) Martha Coffey and Joshua Stapp, through their grand-daughter Martha Stapp; and 3) Elizabeth Coffey and John Cleveland through their daughter Jane Cleveland. I am reserving details of these genealogical interpretations for another discussion. (I am myself a descendent of this triple Coffey line through Cella, the daughter of Joel and Martha, but my line is further complicated by a descent through Cella's marriage to Fielding, son of Isaac Nebuzaraden Coffey, of yet uncertain ancestry, but undoubtedly going back again to Edward Coffey, Sr.; The tripling in the Joel-Martha line, for one thing, would magnify the likelihood that any Woodson connection would be in a Coffey line merely because there are fewer non-Coffey lines to contend with. We need to analyze the heritage of Joel's family. Joel has all the appearances of having inherited his parents' wealth under the British primogeniture system. His 14 slaves appearing in the 1787 Wilkes County, North Carolina, census are ten times the average for Wilkes County families of the period. Nebuzaraden has only one and many Coffeys none at all. Only Jane (Graves) Coffey, the widow of John Coffey, came close with 7. Her wealth was preserved by her failure to re-marry. Colonial custom was to leave the estate to the wife only until she re-married or died. Thus, Edward, Jr., and John Coffey (rather than their mother who re-married) inherited Moseley's Quarter. Upon the death of their mother Ann, she willed her possessions to her sons by her last husband (Dooley) and to her daughter or daughter-in-law Annister, rather than to her earlier sons by Edward Coffey, Sr. Joel's wealth is further confirmed by the lands appearing in his name on tax lists of the period. Joel was likely the prime heir of his father, Chesley Coffey, Sr., who may have died young but was probably the eldest son and prime heir of Edward Coffey, Jr., thought by Coffey genealogists to have been the twin brother of John Coffey, the twins being the inheriting sons of the original Edward Coffey, Sr. That Joel Coffey's full name may have been perpetuated by his grandson Joel Woodson Coffey is suggestive, although only that. Under the British primogeniture system (which was repudiated with the success of the American Revolution), the elder branch of a family was the depository for tradition. A father passed not only his wealth to his oldest son, but a responsibility to be head of the entire group of related families descending from the father. This family headship was in a sense that we can barely comprehend today. It was the senior son who not only inherited the vast proportion of the estate, but who also had an obligation to help Junior families out if they fell on hard times. We believe that Irish families adhered to primogeniture, as well. This is all in way of explaining how we would expect Joel to have been trained in family history, as it would be his responsibility to carry the family and its traditions forward. It would not be unusual, therefore, for him to have known the name of his great grandfather on both his father's and mother's side, as well as the great grandfather of his wife, Martha Stapp. Did anyone in the lineages between the original Edward's

mother and Joel or Martha have Woodson as a middle name? Or did they have a Bible record of a Woodson ancestor? Remember, Joel's grandson was named Joel Woodson Coffey and two other **grandchildren** had Woodson **Incorporated into** their names **in** some way. Was there a Woodson **in** Joel's ancestry? If such a Woodson ancestry were **in** colonial Virginia rather than on the other **side** of the Atlantic, **it** would have had to have been **in** the very early generations of the Virginia Woodson family. The patriarch of the Virginia Woodsons settled **in** the Jamestown colony **in** 1619 and was **killed** by Opechanchanough's brutal massacre of 1644, but Mrs. Woodson protected two sons by hiding them, one **in** a tub, the other in a potato **pit**. Genealogists have married off the descendants of these two sons to account for the Woodsons **living in** America between 1619 and the present, although **little** attention was given to the female **lines**. We should look for a Woodson daughter of an **extremely** early generation who may have had an **early** marriage but was remembered by genealogists only for a second marriage to a person with property. Sarah Woodson, daughter of Robert Woodson and Sarah Ferris, **is** the likely candidate, particularly since the Ferris **family** was **intermarried** with the **Washingtons** and one of Joel's grandsons was named **Meredith Washington** Coffey. **Is this** sheer speculation? Not at **all!** **Although** genealogies commonly state that **this** Sarah Woodson married Edward Mosby, Henry Morton Woodson **in his** book Historical Genealogy of the Woodsons and Their **Connections** states that **this** was **Edward Moselev** and that the **line** is untraced. Sarah's father was Robert, one of the little Woodson boys saved from the Indians by being hidden by **his** mother. Sarah's brother John **is** known to have been a carpenter. There **is** evidence that many Coffey connecting **families** were carpentering families who **followed** building booms at the edge of settlement, but this topic **is** reserved for another discussion. Such booms spread from the Jamestown **colony** **eventually** to Henrico County, up to old Rappahanock (Essex), to **Spotsylvania**, to Orange, to Albemarle, and eventually into the back country of the **Carolinas** and from there south and west.

If Edward Coffey was not a Wild Goose **in** the sense of the 1691 exodus, what was he? It **is** commonly said that "birds of a feather flock together." Graves women who married Coffeys in two widely separated **lines** both seem to be descended from Captain Thomas Graves of Jamestown **colony**. It is significant that a Thomas Graves signed as **security** for Edward Coffey, Sr.'s **widow** when she administered Edward's estate. Was he descended from the Captain Thomas Graves mentioned above? If there is a Woodson connection, the progenitor again would be an **old-line** Jamestown colony **Virginian**. Could our Coffey ancestors go back **this** far as **well?** Descendants of colonial Virginia Coffeys have tried to trace their ancestry by looking at dates when people **with** names **similar** to those of their ancestors were supposedly **imported** to America, Recent research **indicates** that landgrants given by Virginia for **importing** settlers often were fraudulently **issued**, the supposed **importees** merely being ship's crews who returned to England. It **is** axiomatic that Coffeys supposedly **imported** seem to have left no descendants. **Paradoxically**, Coffeys tracing back to colonial Virginia can **find** no ancestor who **unquestionably** was the one who **immigrated**. Do the Edward Coffey and Peter Coffee **lines** trace back to a common ancestor as some **long-deceased** Coffeys once claimed? Descendants of Peter Coffee now



have evidence that he was not the Peter Coffee of Importation records. Carpentering tendencies of the Peter Coffee line led to John Coffee's boatbuilding which led to a water-freighting partnership with Andrew Jackson, then to the Coffee-Jackson victory in the Battle of New Orleans, and finally to the election of a President. The carpentering connection between the Edward and Peter lines may be partly because of carpentering being a Graves characteristic. This would not explain carpentering in the line of Edward Coffey, Jr., however. Perhaps the Graves met the Coffeys through carpentering in relation to Coffeys and their connections, which is found in another discussion, also explains why these carpenters excelled in the military.

. Although our Coffey immigrant ancestor may not have a Wild Goose in the restricted meaning of the 1691 sense, today the term is used for practically any ancestor who fled from Ireland at any date, as shown by the recent article in Town and Country magazine. These Wild Geese intended to fly home to Ireland when conditions permitted. That our ancestor was a Wild Goose in the broad sense of having fled from Ireland is taken for granted from the very Irishness of the name Coffey, for what true Irishman would have willingly left the Emerald Isle unless forced by circumstance to do so? Coffey is a true old Irish name, not a "Scotch-Irish" name, and not an Irish name of English origin.

In reviewing the document whereby Ann, the widow of Edward Coffey, Sr., was granted administration of Edward's estate, the very Irishness of the names of all involved simply flows out from the paper. Here was Ann Powell who had become a Coffey, with a Thomas Graves signing as security together with a John Hart. The Irish family of Powell is distinct from the English one. Irish Powells adopted Powell as an alias for MacGullafoll, a Gaelic name freely translated as a "devotee of St. Paul," the Paul part of the name inspiring use of the name "Powell." Hart is exactly equivalent to the family of O'Hart to which belonged the author of the book which takes the Coffey pedigree back to Adam. Graves was a family in the 1659 census of Counties Dublin, Meath and Louth. The Graves family was noted for certain prominent clergymen, one the Anglican Bishop of Limerick. John Graves was sheriff of Limerick. Arthur Graves wrote the ever popular song "Father O'Flynn."

Historians are intensely interested in early Irish settlers in Virginia prior to the coming of the Scotch-Irish to the Great Valley of Virginia. Of interest is whether the very early Irish existed as isolated families who lost their Irishness amid the predominant English, or whether they associated together with some social binding so as to make an ethnic group. If they did make a group, however so small, historians would like to know if they had any effect on development of the country. If Coffeys can ever sort out and document their family history, there may prove to have been significant influence by descendants of early Irish who settled in the Tidewater region of Virginia, long before coming of the Scotch-Irish.

My interest in my ancestor Flelden Coffey being a travelling merchant led me to research travelling merchants in colonial Virginia. There was great interest by historians in a diary of a travelling merchant written shortly after 1800 which revealed that he belonged to a secret society or brotherhood of Irishmen in Virginia which met something like the Masons. Unfortunately no one has discovered who wrote the diary or anything about the society other than that no one

had suspected that the Irish had such social connections in Virginia at such an early date. The merchant's route closely corresponded to some of the territory where Coffeys lived. In the Tye River area of old **Albermarle** County (now Nelson County), with its Coffey connections, he mentioned coming to **Crosthwalt's** as if it were an old stopping point or way-station, which it probably was. Descendents of colonial Virginia **Crosthwalt/Crosswhites** have never discovered whether they are of the English or Irish branch of the family, only that their ancestor came down from Pennsylvania to **Spotsylvania** County about 1732, possibly descending from the Charles Crosthwayte who settled near Boston in the previous century. Charles had descendents in West Jersey prior to 1700 who were living on the opposite side of the river from the point where the new town of **Philadelphia**, Pennsylvania was being built. If **Crosthwalts** were of the Irish branch, they would, like the Coffeys, be very early examples of Irish immigrants. A Thomas **Crosthwaite** once served as Governor of the Bank of Ireland and High Sheriff of Dublin. This is mentioned because a Coffey presently is Minister of Finance of Ireland and has served as Governor of the Bank of Ireland, an interesting parallel. I am reserving an analysis of the **fiduciary** or "treasurer" meaning behind the surname Coffey for another discussion.

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We hope that Mr. **Crosswhite** makes the recipient of many more of his papers as he is so very knowledgeable of the ways and traditions of the time when these people lived. We wish to thank Mr. Frank **Crosswhite** again for this paper.

Current Membership & Their Ancestor

I lost my data base this last year and had to rebuild it from a manual card file that I keep for cross reference. If your ancestor or anything isn't as you wish it to be listed please let me know. We need to seriously work on this at convention. It would help when new members write if I could refer them to other genealogist for help. I have no ancestor listed on the file card for those with a dash.

(Possibly I failed to record it).

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